



OLD BLACKSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL MATERIALS ARE RECYCLED

MontgomeryCountyVA.gov

August 3, 2011

Montgomery County, Virginia – If one man's trash is another's treasure, then a treasure trove of steel from Old Blacksburg Middle School may soon make its way from a local recycling firm to steel mills, which will turn the scrap into beams and rebar for other buildings.

A total of 661,488 pounds of steel has been salvaged from the 1950s era building on Main Street in Blacksburg. The demolition company, Sayers Construction Co. of Pulaski, sold the material to New River Recycling. The reclamation of steel by the firm helped keep demolition costs lower to the County, according to Economic Development Director Brian Hamilton.



Bricks from the old school will also receive a new lease on life as mementos and crushed to serve as temporary impervious cover at the 20 acre site. A total of 300 bricks have been delivered to Blacksburg High School for a student fund raising project. Other bricks and block will be used as fill as part of the site's storm water plans.

The demolition project is scheduled to be complete by late September. The County is currently marketing the property for business, retail and residential development.

#

E-News in Your Inbox!

To receive news and announcements directly via e-mail, go to MontgomeryCountyVA.gov and click "E-mail Lists."